

# MASS READINGS

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

### FIRST READING

*They will eat and have some left over.*

**Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 144**

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

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| <p>1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.</p> <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.</p> | <p>2. The eye of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.</p> |
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### SECOND READING

*One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

**John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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### Parish Schools

**St Thomas More High School:** <https://stmacademy.org.uk/>

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## 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B	11:00am: Mass: Mary Elizabeth Baker Live stream	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>		
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>		9.30am: Mass:
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass:	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	12 Noon: Funeral Service of Brian Stobbs	9:30am: Mass:
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Mass:	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>		5:30pm: Mass:
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

### The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

**WhatsApp group:** text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

**Facebook:** search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

**Website:** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time-Summer - A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those suffering Persecution, Oppression or Denial of Human Rights; The People of Europe; the Sanctity of Human Life; Seafarers. We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Stan Llewellyn, Jean Hain, Brian Stobbs, Edward Golightly, Peter Horn, Fr Cornelius O'Connor and for all those who have died recently.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

For the next five weeks our Gospel will be from Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel. We begin with St John's version of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Comments that almost seem to be incidental always have great significance in helping us to understand the passage. So, when we are reminded we are told that Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee -or Tiberias- the name of the Roman Emperor we are reminded that the people are under foreign occupation and domination. We are also told that it was near the feast of Passover, the most important feast of the year which involves a meal that remembers their own liberation from slavery. We are also told that near the end of the story having fed the people with 12 baskets of scraps, they wanted to make Jesus King but he escapes. So these incidental comments speak of a context of people yearning for freedom in context of oppression. What is oppressing us at this time. What is the genuine freedom we need at this present time.

### Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of prayer. The Catechism encourages the prayerful reading of Scripture, so that a dialogue can take place between God and ourselves (cf. No. 2653). Since the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the sacred texts also dwells in the hearts of every believer, we are enabled, through our frequent and prayerful encounter with the revealed word, to enter more deeply into relationship with the Triune God. As a living word, the Scriptures speak to us in the here and now of our lives, illuminating new situations, offering fresh insights and often challenging our habitual way of thinking about and seeing the world. The interplay of prayer and the reading of Scripture is seen especially in the practice of lectio divina. This consists of slowly reading a biblical passage, then spending a period of time meditating on the text in openness to the Holy Spirit, letting God speak to us through a particular word, phrase or image. The fruit of this prayerful dialogue is contemplation, as we silently rest under the Father's loving gaze. The Scriptures thus become an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in faith and give it concrete expression in charity and service of others.

### Funeral

The funeral service of Brian Stobbs will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12. Noon at St Cuthbert's. May he rest in peace. We pray for Brian, Anne and family at this time.

### Live Simply Tip

Living Simply is based on the following three strands:

- living simply
- living in solidarity with people in poverty
- living sustainably with creation.

**This week's tip:** Many children not having school meals during the summer will have less food to eat. The charity and campaign group, Feeding Britain are seeking to address this food poverty during the summer holidays. For more and to see what you can do to help, please go to: <https://feedingbritain.org/what-works-centre/healthy-holidays/>

### Thank-you

The parish has received a number of anonymous donations to cover the cost of the new lectionaries. Your generosity is much appreciated. Any other further donations will also be welcomed.

### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a full-time, permanent Management account to work in the Dept. for Finance in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 28 July.

### Survive Miva

There will be short presentation from Colin Findlay of St Colomba's parish and a retiring collection about the charity survive Miva, that provides transport for remote areas in the developing world.

### Governor for St Thomas More

St Thomas More School are looking for another Foundation Governor. The person needs to be a practicing Catholic with experience of leadership and managing finances. If interested please contact Fr Chris.

### Spiritual Conversation and Diocesan Vision

As mentioned before I would like all parish groups to reflect on the diocesan vision statement issued by the Bishop at Pentecost. We are asked to reflect on the statement as a 'Spiritual Conversation'. If you would like to learn to more as to how Spiritual Conversations work in practice, I will be modelling the process on 31st July at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

### Newman Tyneside Circle

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle (with particular attention to the stained-glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window). The tour will take place on Tuesday 6 August, at 2pm and will be followed by discussion, refreshments and an extraordinary general meeting of the circle.

### New to the UK

This ecumenical group support provided support to refugees and asylum seekers. It meets every Wednesday lunch time. One of our parishioners, Peter Quinn is the new leader to this project. If you would like to volunteer, I am sure Peter would love to hear from you.

### Working Document for October Synod

I mentioned in my sermon last week the Working Document for the Synod in October has been published. Here are some relevant quotes on the 3 main areas:

#### Relations

Throughout the synodal process and from all regions of the globe, the request emerged for a Church less focused on bureaucracy and more capable of nurturing relationships with the Lord, between men and women, in the family, in the community, and between social groups. Only a web of relationships that weaves together the multiplicity of belongings can sustain individuals and communities, offering them points of reference and orientation and showing them the beauty of life according to the Gospel. It is in relationships - with Christ, with others, in the community - that faith is transmitted.

#### Pathways

Part II highlights the processes that ensure the care and development of relationships, especially union with Christ, oriented towards mission and the harmony of community life through the ability to face conflicts and difficulties together. This part focuses on four distinct but profoundly intertwined areas in the life of the missionary synodal Church:

Shared and Integral Formation, Ecclesial Discernment for Mission, Decision Making & Transparency, Accountability and Evaluation.

#### Places

The missionary synodal life of the Church, the vital relationships of which it is composed, and the pathways that enable its development should not overlook the concreteness and specificity of "place", that is, the Church placed within a given context and culture. Part III invites us to overcome a static vision of places that orders them by successive levels or degrees according to a pyramidal model (i.e. Parish, deanery, Diocese or Eparchy, ecclesiastical province, Episcopal Conference or Eastern hierarchical structure, and universal Church). This has never been our vision. The network of relationships and the exchange of gifts between the Churches have always been interwoven as a web of relations rather than conceived as linear in form.

### Living Catholicism Today summer course,

How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

### Photos for Parish Handbook

The Parish is in the process of putting together a parish handbook for new parishioners as part of a welcoming pack. If anyone has photos of parish groups or activities we could use in the handbook please forward them to Fr Chris

### Rosary Group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom. Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm For more information contact Ruth Corless at: [ruthcorless@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthcorless@btinternet.com)

### Parish Finance – Standing Orders

If you would like to set up a Standing Order the details of the parish account are:  
Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph  
Bank: HSBC, Sort code: 40-34-45,  
Account number 91146513

### Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass

Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone welcome.

### Dates for Diary

#### Trip to Holy Island - 31<sup>st</sup> August Bus leaves from St Cuthbert's at 9am

Anyone wishing to attend please put name and contact details on the lists available at both churches. Cost £18pp.

#### Creation Harvest Sunday – September 15<sup>th</sup> Parish General Meeting - September 29<sup>th</sup>

### Prayer for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight. May all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them.. For those who risk their lives each day for peace. May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.. That those who make riches from violence and war. Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.. That we might see through our fear of each other. A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace. Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters That the wolf might lie down with the lamb. That our swords be beaten into ploughshares. And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.  
John O'Donohue Benedictus A Book of Blessings